

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/671,342

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/17/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 27-29, 32, 33, and 35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                              | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Lea on 6/08/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 11, the word "counterbalancing" changed to ---counterbalance a---

In claim 1, line 11, after the word "weight" ---of selected items that are affixed--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 1, line 13, before the word "work" ---horizontal--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 1, line 14, before the word "work" ---horizontal--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 4, line 2, the phrase "a second end" changed to ---said second section---

In claim 4, line 4, the word "working" changed to ---horizontal work---

In claim 27, line 7, after the word "affixing" ---a counter--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 27, line 7, after the word "weight" ---on an adjustable mount--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 27, line 7, the word "for" changed to ---to---

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In claim 27, line 8, the word "balancing" changed to ---balance---

In claim 27, line 9, the phrase "first section" changed to ---adjustable mount---

In claim 27, line 10, the word "counterbalancing" changed to ---counterbalance a---

In claim 27, line 11, the word "in" changed to ---from a horizontal work position to---

In claim 32, line 11, the word "selectively" has been deleted

In claim 32, line 13, the word "selective" has been deleted

In claim 32, line 14, after the word "counterbalances" ---a--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 32, line 14, after the word "weight" ---of selected items that are affixed--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 32, line 15, before the word "work" ---horizontal--- has been inserted therein.

In claim 32, line 17, ",", changed to ---.---

In claim 32, lines 18 and 19 the phrase "wherein said first section of said support arm is pivotally connected to said second section of said support arm." has been deleted.

In claim 33, line 3, the phrase "said first section of said support arm" changed to ---a receiving member that holds said counter weight---

In claim 33, line 3, the word "second" changed to ---first---

In claim 33, line 4, after the word "arm" ---at said pivotal connection--- has been inserted therein.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 17-20, 30, and 34 have been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 27, and 32 recite a workstation with selected items affixed to a support arm and a counter weight with an adjustable mount to balance the weight of the selected items when the support arm travels from a horizontal work position to a vertical second position. The prior art does not teach or suggest a counter weight to balance the weight of selected items in positions other than the work position.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

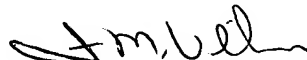
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy M. Ayres whose telephone number is (571) 272-8299. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-THU 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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